

**COUNTY OF SAN LUIS OBISPO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AGENDA ITEM TRANSMITTAL**

(1) DEPARTMENT Office of Emergency Services	(2) MEETING DATE 8/13/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Ron Alsop 781-5011	
(4) SUBJECT Request for Approval to Apply for the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program			
(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION It is recommended that the Board approve the Office of Emergency Services' request to apply for the 2013 federal Homeland Security Grant Program on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area.			
(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal grant funds	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT \$302,716.00	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT \$5,000.00	(9) BUDGETED? No
(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Consent <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/> Hearing (Time Est. ____) <input type="checkbox"/> Board Business (Time Est. ____)			
(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS <input type="checkbox"/> Resolutions <input type="checkbox"/> Contracts <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinances <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A			
(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) N/A		(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: N/A <input type="checkbox"/> 4/5th's Vote Required <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	
(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A Date: _____	
(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW			
(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S) All Districts -			

County of San Luis Obispo



TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Office of Emergency Services / Ron Alsop
781-5011

DATE: 8/13/2013

SUBJECT: Request for Approval to Apply for the Federal Fiscal Year 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board approve the Office of Emergency Services' request to apply for the 2013 federal Homeland Security Grant Program on behalf of the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area.

DISCUSSION

Through the California Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES), the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) is providing grant funds for efforts such as planning for homeland security and emergency operations; purchasing of specialized equipment to enhance the capability of local agencies in responding to emergencies; costs related to certain training courses; costs related to certain exercises; and management and administration costs.

Through pre-determined grant award formulas by Cal OES, the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area is eligible to receive up to \$302,716 in FFY 2013 Homeland Security Grant Program funds. When our grant application is accepted by Cal OES, we will come back to your Board for approval of the specific uses of the grant funds and to request approval to accept the grant.

Determining the most efficient use of the grant funds involves representatives from various agencies working together on recommendations. (See "Other Agency Involvement" on the following page.) These recommendations are then prioritized by the below described "Homeland Security Grant Approval Authority."

Pursuant to Cal OES requirements regarding receipt of grant funds, a recipient agency must establish a Homeland Security Grant Approval Authority ("the Authority"). In our County this authority consists of the County Sheriff, County Fire Chief, a municipal fire chief (selected by the Operational Area Fire Chiefs), a chief of police (selected by the Operational Area Police Chiefs), and the County Public Health Officer or his or her designee. (The fire and police chiefs select their representatives for the Approval Authority). The Authority is required to develop and approve specific uses for the grant funds awarded.

The specific members of the Approval Authority for the San Luis Obispo County Operational Area are:

- Sheriff Ian Parkinson, San Luis Obispo County Sheriff's Department
- Chief Rob Lewin, Cal Fire/County Fire Department
- Chief Ken Johnson, Paso Robles Emergency Services/Fire Department
- Chief Jeff Norton, Pismo Beach Police Department
- Dr. Penny Borenstein, San Luis Obispo County Health Officer

As with previous grants, Cal OES requires submittal of an approved list of staff authorized to sign the application and related grant documents on behalf of the County. Cal OES requires a state formatted resolution, entitled "Governing Body

Resolution” authorizing officers/employees to execute for and on behalf of the county any actions necessary to obtain federal financial assistance provided by the federal Department of Homeland Security, sub-granted through the State of California. However, your Board approved such a document previously, related another grant and that Governing Body Resolution will be valid for this grant. The positions authorized to sign are County Administrative Officer, Principal Administrative Analyst/Emergency Services Manager and Emergency Services Coordinator.

Grant requirements dictate that \$75,679 of these funds be used specifically for law enforcement purposes and \$15,136 will be used over the three year grant period to offset costs to the County for administering and coordinating grant activities with the State and the many local users of the funds.

Although OES will come back to your Board for approval to accept the grant once it has been submitted and accepted by Cal OES, and to also provide information on what the grant funds are proposed to be used for, as of the date of this Board item submittal it is tentatively proposed that the following grant items be purchased, with the estimated costs from the grant funding shown after each item. The department names shown after the item name are which county department that will be making the purchases.

1. 300 Degree Force Option Simulator Equipment (Sheriff): \$150,000. This equipment will provide realistic 300 degree force option training for peace officers in a safe setting using a wide variety of scenarios they could face during their law enforcement duties. Full Force Options Training includes support for officer presence, verbal commands, OC, TASER® ECD, bean bag shotgun, pistol, shotgun and rifle. Realistic and intense simulation training results in better life-or-death decision making, saving both civilian and officer lives.
2. CHEMPACK Training (Public Health): \$27,500. The CHEMPACK is a supply of medical antidotes in supply caches, provided by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control, for treating chemical exposure to hazardous materials releases with a number of victims. The various caches are located at hospitals in the county. The intent of these funds is for training and conduct an exercise involving these caches, with and between the hospitals, Public Health, and other involved local agencies.
3. Primary response vehicle with heavy trailer towing ability (Public Health): \$30,000. Public Health has a variety of supplies and resources that include two cargo type trailers with supplies needed to set up what are called “points of distribution” (POD) to provide mass inoculations in the event of a widespread outbreak of disease that would require providing vaccines or other medications to large numbers of people at once. Other supplies are stored in fixed locations at Public Health. This would provide a vehicle for use both independently as single response and utility vehicle for Public Health emergency preparedness and other staff, as well as the vehicle being able to tow the noted POD trailers.
4. Active shooter training for law enforcement, fire, and ambulance personnel (County Fire): \$46,000. This would fund training and practice of procedures for first responders to use in the event of an active shooter event – that is, a person shooting in a large public venue - such as those experiences across the county in recent years. This training would allow law enforcement, fire, and ambulance personnel to work together on processes and procedures in case of an event when an active shooter is in a venue with many people, and people are wounded and down yet the situation has not been secured by law enforcement. Examples across the nation of such events include movie venues, schools, apartment complex, and work place shootings.
5. Air distribution system for the hazardous materials response team use (County Fire): \$6,200. Instead of having to work in an area of dangerous atmosphere while wearing the individual air supply bottles commonly seen on firefighters, this is an air supply cart system that allows for up to four firefighters/haz mat responders at one time to be linked to a supply of fresh air by hose while working in an area with dangerous or potentially dangerous atmosphere. This allows the responders to work in an area much longer than if they were to have to stop work and come out of the area whenever their air supply bottles ran low.
6. Biosafety cabinet (Public Health): \$20,000. This is biological safe storage cabinet for use with the Public Health lab.
7. Microscope (Public Health): \$7,880. This is a microscope for use in the Public Health lab. The Public Health lab is certified to exam for certain suspicious substances that could be found anywhere in the county, and this microscope would enhance that service and ability.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

The Fire Chiefs Association of San Luis Obispo County, the Criminal Justice Administrators' Association, the Sheriff's Department, Cal Fire/County Fire, and Public Health will work together to determine how the grant funding will be most efficiently used. Grant administration and coordination with and between the various agencies using the grant funds is provided by County OES. County OES works directly with the State on behalf of all local agencies for grant related issues.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

This grant is 100% federally funded and there are no matching cost requirements. However, there may be ongoing ancillary costs to the county resulting from accepting these grants and putting the projects in place. Unless other funding sources are found, these operational costs will be absorbed within existing budget allocations by the representative county department budget units that receive the grant funded items. Updated financial considerations and cost estimates will be provided to your Board with the agenda item requesting permission to accept the grants once Cal OES approves our grant application. It is anticipated ongoing costs for maintenance of the requested items will be about \$5,000 annually.

The funds from this grant are reimbursement monies, not up front dollars. As a result, existing entities within the Operational Area must purchase the equipment and then be reimbursed. Depending on the nature of the approved grant funded projects, it is anticipated the funds will be allocated through one or more of the following county departments: Sheriff, Fire, OES, and the Health Agency.

RESULTS

To help ensure that the safety and interests of the County and its citizens are met through increased preparation of public safety, emergency management, public health, and related agencies for adequate response to many types of emergencies.